

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicants have amended claims 1, 6, and 8. Claims 5 and 7 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 6, and 8 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

On page 10 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 5 and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the corresponding base claims and any intervening claims. Rather than rewriting claims 5 and 7, the Applicants have amended base claims 1 and 6 to incorporate the allowable limitations of claims 5 and 7, respectively. Therefore, the allowance of amended claims 1 and 6 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4 depend from amended claim 1 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel elements of claim 1. Therefore, the allowance of claims 2-4 is respectfully requested.

3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kall (US Patent No. 6957063 B1) in view of Tiedemann, Jr. et al. (US Patent No. 6839336 B2, herein after Tiedemann) and in further view of Kim et al (US 20040053619 A1, hereinafter Kim). As noted above, the Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 6 to incorporate the allowable limitations of dependent claims 5 and 7, respectively. Therefore, the allowance of amended claims 1 and 6, and dependent claims 2-4 is respectfully requested.

Regarding independent claim 8, the Applicants have amended claim 8 to recite limitations similar to allowable claim 6. Claim 8 recites a user equipment, while claim 6

recites a method performed in a user equipment. In addition to the allowable limitations relating to the transmission of an acknowledgement message for an MBMS-message that cannot be initially decoded, claim 8 has also been amended to positively recite receiving means for receiving MBMS-messages and decoding keys from the telecommunication system. This limitation was indirectly recited in the original limitations: "means for storing decoding keys *received from the telecommunication system*;" and "means for storing MBMS-messages *received from the telecommunication system*" (Emphasis added). Additionally, it is noted that it is well known in the art that a user equipment is a mobile radio device, which includes a transceiver for transmitting and receiving radio signals. Thus, no new matter has been added.

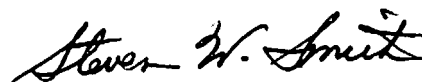
For all the above reasons, the allowance of amended claim 8 is respectfully requested.

4.) Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-4, 6, and 8.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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